GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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TRAINS OF BRITISH COMPANY
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some trains of the British Company are still running on some narrow gauge lines in the country;

(b) if so, the amount paid by the Government to them in the form of royalty every year;

(c) whether the Government propose to convert the said narrow gauge rail lines into broad gauge ones and to run the trains under the Indian Railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) No, Sir. However, the following narrow gauge railway lines, including the rolling stock running on them, are owned by private companies from pre-independence period:

1. Ahmedpur-Katwa, and

2.
(i) Murtajapur-Yavatmal,

(ii) Murtajapur-Achalpur, and

(iii) Pulgaon-Arvi.

The owning companies are The Ahmedpur-Katwa Railway Company Ltd. for item (1)and The Central Provinces Railways Company Ltd., for item (2). These are not British companies but Indian companies incorporated under the then Indian Companies Act.

(b) No royalty is being paid to these companies. The financial terms as per the Agreements for these lines being operated by Indian Railways are as shown in the Appendix.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.